

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service
Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Processed Products Branch

NOTICE TO THE TRADE

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF COLOR STANDARDS FOR CANNED APPLE BUTTER

The Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FV), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to notify the food industry and other interested parties of the availability of the newly reproduced color standards for Canned Apple Butter. The set consists of two water-resistant, bi-colored plates that represent minimum color allowed in each color classification in canned apple butter. The revised color standards for canned apple butter replace the previous edition, which consisted of four solid plastic plates produced by Magnuson Engineers, dated August 21, 1957.

Instructions for the application of the color standards and scoring of color are found in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Apple Butter.

This inspection aid is available and may be purchased by processors, buyers, and other interested parties from:

Visual Color Systems
P.O. Box 93
Mountaintale, New York 12763
Telephone: (845) 434-2646
Fax: (845) 434-6115
Internet: www.visualcolorsystems.com

For any additional information on the color standards, please contact:

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